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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Atty. Docket No. 97-002-C)

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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner:

The applicants petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003. With this three month extension of time, the applicants' response is due on or before October 7, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to debit the requisite small entity fee for this petition from Deposit Account No. 13-2490. The Commissioner is also authorized to debit any fee underpayment or credit any fee overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account 13-2490.

Date: October 7, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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